

Bear of Rodborough Croquet

Newsletter - November 2012



Editorial:

Welcome to the latest edition of the newsletter. In this edition you will find reminders of the vast amount of activities that Bears can enjoy throughout the winter season. Look out for the dates for Snooker nights (thank you Rosemary and Richard) and Pub evenings (thank you Carol).

There is also a very useful Chairman's comment regarding an update on our membership.

Finally, it is also essential that you remember to go through your camera's memory or photo albums for your entry to the Photo Competition.

Oh, and check out Thought for the Month!

Chairman' Comment:

No, No, No, No, No New Members!

In many ways, it is really nice to be a victim of one's own success and we delight in seeing members enthusiasm and in watching the club's achievements continue to grow. However, the impact of our increased activity has had a downside when we consider the state of the lawn. A few years ago, we enjoyed just one club night per week: we now have two club nights and two club afternoons per week, more members wanting to play in more matches, and an increase in both the number of club matches and leagues which we enter. The poor old lawn is showing the strain.

Over the winter, the lawn has been fed, is currently resting and Nick is planning some remedial treatment for it. The committee is also reviewing our response to any further requests for new membership. Although we don't want to turn down a prospective and very keen person, we clearly cannot keep growing so if anyone approaches you asking about joining, please make it clear that although our club is full to overflowing and cannot take on anyone else, Cheltenham CC does have vacancies.

Robert.

Snooker Nights

These are being held **every alternate Wednesday** at Rosemary and Richard's house, Moor Court Minchinhampton, starting Wednesday 7th November.

No previous snooker experience required!

Pub evenings

14 Nov – Clothiers Arms – see latest email

13 Dec – Ram at Bussage

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23 Jan

20 Feb

22 Mar – Annual Dinner



Photo Competition.

Reminder of the first Bear Photo Competition

(**not** to be confused with "the first bare photo competition"!)

Get your cameras at the ready. Snap away and collectively, we can have some fun. Serious or humorous, creative or posed - everyone can enter: anyone could win.

The rules...

- Any croquet related picture taken by a Bear in 2012
- B+W or colour **prints** admissible
- Photoshop manipulation allowed but this must be declared so the judge can make an informed opinion
- Print size 6"x 4" minimum, 10"x 8" maximum (*the larger the better as they will all be put on display*)
- Any number of entries allowed
- Name of photographer to be written on the back of the print (and Photoshop description if used)
- Entries submitted to Rosemary by **31st January 2013**

Judging by an independent chappy

Photos displayed and the winner announced at the **Annual Dinner on Friday 22nd March 2013.**

Thought for the Month...

Croquet is a matter of passing the time enjoyably. There may be other things in life, but I've been too busy playing croquet enjoyably to think very deeply about them.

Mis-quote, Peter Cook, English Satirist.



For more information:

Our Club Website- <http://www.faydon.com/Bear/Bear.html>

Archived newsletters and coaching hints - <http://www.faydon.com/Bear/News.html>

Croquet Association (of which the club is a member) -www.croquet.org.uk

South West Federation of Croquet Clubs (to which we are affiliated) – <http://www.swfcroquet.org.uk>

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